



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter #920
Denton, TX**

March 2021

www.vva920.org

Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month
Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227**
Dinner: At – **6:00PM** - Covid-19 guidelines
Meeting Start Time: **6:45PM**

Officers (2020-2021)

President: Dan Washburn
Vice President: Jerry Anderson
Secretary: Eric Harmon
Treasurer: Enrique Nater
Director: Sharon Balsley
Director: Larry Kellogg
Director: Gary Raines

Committee Leads

Chaplains - Tom Silva and Bill Coburn
Honor Guard - Alan Lessard
Membership - Jerry Anderson
Motor Pool Sergeant - Bill Roberson
Newsletter Editor - Anita Washburn (AVVA)
Public Affairs – Frenchy Rheault
Quarter Master - Horst Poethke (AVVA)
Sergeant at Arms - Randy Grizzle
Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA)
Steward – Leo Perez
Support Services - Sharon Balsley
Webmaster - Jim Polozeck

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**Happy Birthday #18
Chapter 920!!**

**“Never Again Will One Generation
of Veterans Abandon Another”**



President's Corner

Members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 920,

Excellent meeting & good meal on February 23rd. 36 in attendance.

Nominating Committee for April Elections is Gary Raines, Larry Kellogg, and Robin Kain.

Veterans Car Show benefitting Green Valley School will be on **Saturday, March 27th** at Cycle Center of Denton. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Also looking for Door Prizes and Sponsors.

A good number of our members have received their Covid vaccinations or have recovered from the virus. We look forward to reduced restrictions soon.

Honor Guard will resume activities in March. Watch your email for notifications from Alan Lessard, SOG.

Thanks,
Dan Washburn
VVA 920 President

Meeting 2-23-2021



Black Ribbon on Flag
to Honor: Hill & Lunkwicz



New Space Force flag



Directors Gary & Larry

VVA 920 Events

**Watch your email for event updates
due to Covid-19 restrictions.**

March 2021

Covid-19 Guidelines

8th – Honor Guard Practice

17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

23rd – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

VVA 920 18th Birthday

27th – Veterans Car Show
at Denton Cycle Center

April 2021

Covid-19 Guidelines

12th – Honor Guard Practice

21th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

27th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

May 2021

Covid-19 Guidelines

10th – Honor Guard Practice

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice

March 8th 17:45 hours

Support Services

Card support continues & is appreciated.

Our Navigators are serving Veterans

If you need assistance, please contact

Support Services:

<http://vva920.org/id20.html>

Around the Chapter

**Covid Vaccinations are now available at VA
Dallas and in Denton County.**

In Memory



Jon A. Lunkwicz

DOD 1/9/2021

VVA Life Member

US Army 1971-1975

MOPH State Commander 2018-2020

Burial: DFW National Cemetery

<https://facebook1962.wixsite.com/purpleheart/commender-2020-lunkwicz>



Randy Grizzle



Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

New **Application forms** for the Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship are available at www.vva920.org or may be requested from VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com

Covid-19 guidelines may present challenges. Applicants should direct any questions to:
Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson, 940 368 2041
or email VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com

Deadline is May 1, 2021.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a dependent or relative of a member of VVA 920, Denton, TX. Immediate family members of Honorably Discharged Vietnam or Vietnam-Era: e.g. (spouse, children including foster or stepchildren, or grandchildren).

The Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship application has been updated for 2021 and includes an interview and essay - Application A is for first time applicants, Application B is for returning applicants.

Please encourage your family members to participate. Full scholarship requirements and explanations are on the Application forms.

VVA 920 will award five \$1,000.00 Scholarships in 2021.

In Memoriam – Colonel Paul Arcari

By Kurt Hyde

Colonel Paul Arcari, USAF Ret, passed away December 1st at age 88. Colonel Arcari graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in 1955, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and soon proudly wore the wings of a US Air Force Navigator. Colonel Arcari served in Vietnam and was awarded numerous medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Colonel Arcari touched the lives of many servicemen and women when he served as chief of the Air Force's entitlements division. Colonel Arcari was a champion for the troops, working to reward those who served with better benefits. Such endeavors were critical as the US military services transitioned to an all-volunteer force.

After retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Arcari served as government relations director for The Retired Officers Association. Among his many achievements, was his serving as a key player in envisioning and passing the legislation for TRICARE for Life. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) website quotes Lt Gen Michael Nelson USAF Ret, saying: "Every time I go see a doctor, I think to myself, 'Bless Paul Arcari because I'm going to see this doctor and I'm not going to pay anything.'"

It takes many forms of leadership to effectively lead a large organization, such as the combined forces of the US military. Among those are leaders who care for the people by making sure they are properly supported in order that they can properly serve the nation. Such were the leadership skills of Colonel Paul Arcari. May he rest in peace.

Thank You - Frenchy's Lawn Service
Flower beds look GREAT!

